SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

Lower Level – Room 41, City Hall/Court House, 15 West Kellogg Boulevard March 11, 2010

Present: Robert Ferguson, Pat Igo, Rich Laffin, John Manning, Matt Mazanec, David Riehle,

Mark Thomas, Steve Trimble, Diane Trout-Oertel

Absent: Sherry Enzler (unexcused), April Haas (excused), Jennifer Haskamp (unexcused),

Lee Meyer (excused)

Staff Present: Amy Spong, Christine Boulware, Michelle Wood

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: 5:05 PM by John Manning (Chair)

- I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA Laffin Igo 7-0
 - A. Add Awards Committee to the Committee Reports (Manning)
- II. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST None were stated.
- III. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES Igo Laffin 7-0
 - A. February 11, 2010 Business Meeting
 - B. February 25, 2010 Public Hearing Meeting

IV. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Retreat Follow-up – Chair Manning offered a quick recap of the discussions and need for follow up on the preservation ordinance and HPC education efforts. The executive committee will have more discussion regarding these items at their meeting later this month. Two areas for the HPC to focus are the ordinance (Chapters 73 & 74) and education.

V. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. February Design Review Statistics (see attached)
- B. Staff working to cut costs by 10% and will try to achieve this by limiting copying, mailing and printing. Will work on scanning, emailing and having the applicant submit 15 copies of plans for commission review instead of 3.
- C. OMF meeting did not go well. There was a lack of understanding of the role in the Section 106 process.

VI. NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

A. Discuss Public Art in Historic Districts – Michelle Wood presented information regarding how other municipalities handle the review process for the installation, upkeep and removal of public art in historic districts and sites. There were many varying examples demonstrated. Mechanisms for review were discussed and questions about what Saint Paul already has in place regarding review and stewardship of public art was put to staff. More research would be necessary. Commissioners discussed how the relationship between the HPC and Public Art Saint Paul could be built and improved upon.

Create a Public Art St. Paul Stewardship Committee – Commissioner Laffin volunteered to serve on this committee.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. 3M Committee update (Trimble, Mazanec) upcoming meeting dates were noted by Commissioner Trimble.
- B. Public Safety Building update (Manning, Igo) mention of recent articles in the local news paper.
- C. Preservation Awards Committee (Igo, Laffin, Trout-Oertel) award nomination deadline is April 12. The Committee will meet the following week to jury the nominations.

VIII. ADJOURN: 6:30 Submitted by: C. Boulware